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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, PFOR, NU

SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS CHANNEL ACTIVATED

REF: MANAGUA 3490

MEETING WITH GENERAL REYNALDO PEREZ VARGAS-JULY 22, 1976.

1. AT THE REQUEST OF THE AMBASSADOR, EMBASSY OFFICER INVITED

GENERAL PEREZ TO DISCUSS WITH HIM USG INTEREST IN SECURING INFORMATION REGARDING PERSONS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED BY THE NATIONAL GUARD AND WHOSE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN. GENERAL PEREZ WAS INFORMED THAT MEETING WITH HIM WAS RESULT

OF THE JULY 21 CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE AMBASSADOR AND PRESIDENT SOMOZA (SEE REFTEL) AND THE LATTER'S DECISION TO NAME GENERAL PEREZ AS THE CHANNEL TO THE EMBASSY ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. GENERAL PEREZ WAS GIVEN A BRIEFING ON THE BACKGROUND OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION, INCLUDING REFERENCE TO THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT AND THE INVESTIGATIONS OF THE FRASER SUB-COMMITTEE.

2. GENERAL PEREZ SAID HE WAS AWARE IN GENERAL TERMS OF THE AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, AND THAT HE WAS SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS IT IN DETAIL WITH THE PRESIDENT AT 1900 HOURS, JULY 22. IN THE MEANTIME, HE SAID THE EMBASSY COULD
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BE ASSURED OF HIS COOPERATION IN THE MATTER. HE SAID THAT HE

WOULD CALL EMBOFF AFTER HIS MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT AND AFTER HE HAD HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK INTO THE SUBJECT. AT THIS POINT EMBOFF SPECIFICALLY REFERRED HIM TO THE LIST OF NAMES CONTAINED IN THE LETTER WRITTEN BY THE CAPUCHIN FATHERS. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT HE START WITH THIS LIST AND ATTEMPT TO SHED LIGHT ON THE STATUS OF THESE INDIVIDUALS. HE AGREED TO CALL EMBOFF SOON TO PROVIDE AVAILABLE INFORMATION.

3. EMBASSY IS MODERATELY HOPEFUL THAT NEW CHANNEL WILL PRODUCE SOME USEFUL INFORMATION. THEBERGE

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